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REVENUE DEPARTMENT
(DA & LR)

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ANDHRA PRADESH AGRICULTURAL LAND
(CONVERSION FOR NON-AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES) RULES, 2018.**

[G.O.Ms.No.227, Revenue (DA & LR), 26th August, 2021.]

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section (1) of Section 14 of the Andhra Pradesh Agricultural Land (Conversion for Non- Agricultural Purposes) Act, 2006 as amended from time to time, the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby makes the following Amendments to the Andhra Pradesh Agricultural Land (Conversion for Non- Agricultural Purposes) Rules, 2018 as amended from time to time:-

AMENDMENTS

In the said Rules,

1. In Rule 2, after Clause (c), the following shall be added, namely,-

(d) "Certificate of Ownership" means the Certificate of Ownership issued under the provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Rights in Land and Pattadar Pass Books Act, 1971.

"(e) "Village Secretariat" means Village Secretariat or Ward Secretariat as notified by the Government

2. In Rule 3 (i) after the words "Mee-seva centre" the following shall be inserted, namely,-

"Village Secretariat"

3. For Rule 7, the following shall be substituted, namely,-

"CONVERSION OF LAND IN REVENUE RECORDS MANDATORY:

(1) In every case where the Land is converted to Non Agriculture as per sub clause (i) of Rule 3, the Revenue records shall be changed as per prescribed rules in physical records and the digitally maintained record within Thirty (30) days from the date of payment of requisite fee.

(2) The Competent Authority i.e. Revenue Divisional Officer who receive ANNEXURE A shall direct the Tahsildar concerned to determine whether the conversion applied for is objectionable or not.

I. The Tahsildar shall cause full enquiry into the application, through the VRO and other Revenue officers, and the Enquiry report with the Checklist as stipulated by Chief Commissioner of Land Administration shall be submitted to the Competent Authority.

II. The Competent Authority after due verification and inspection shall approve/reject/dispose the application

III. On Receipt of approval of Competent Authority, the Deputy Tahsildar in the Office of the Tahsildar of the Mandal shall make suitable changes in the digital Record (Initiator).

IV. The Tahsildar (Checker) may recommend the changes in the digitally maintained Record and forward to the Competent Authority for approval.

V. The Competent Authority shall approve the changes in digital record and the record so approved can be obtained from any Meeseva centre on payment of fee as may be prescribed from time to time.

VI. The Competent authority i.e., Revenue Divisional officer or any authorized officer shall issue "Certificate of Ownership", if requested for, on payment of requisite fee as may be prescribed."

4. For Rule 8, the following shall be substituted, namely,-
"Review of use of lands converted for Non-Agricultural purposes by District Collector :

(1) Every Year, in the Fasli year, the District Collector or any officer designated for this purpose, shall verify the Non Agriculture Lands in the village Record and certify that in all cases where the lands that have been converted for Non Agricultural Purpose are being used for the intended purpose and Records have been changed to non-agricultural purposes in respect of the extent converted.

(2) The Collector, after completion of every Fasli year, may direct the Competent Authority/RDO to furnish the List of all such Land Conversion cases to the local body concerned."

5. After Rule 8, the following shall be added, namely,-

"9. APPEAL:

The Joint Collector, either *suomotto*, or on an appeal filed before him within sixty days (60), in the matter of conversion for Non-Agricultural Purposes may call for the records and satisfy himself that the order passed is correct and if, in his opinion, such order is to be annulled or modified shall after hearing in the matter issue necessary orders.

10. Revision:

Any person aggrieved by the decision of the Joint Collector shall file Revision before the District Collector within sixty (60) days. The decision of the District Collector in the Revision shall be final

11. Superintendence:

On issues of deceitful conversion of prohibited lands, or on any other issue, the CCLA & Spl CS in order to protect the interests of the Government either *Suo-motu* or on a complaint filed by any aggrieved person after due and independent enquiry may cancel the conversion of Land effected as per Rule 3 and cancel the change of Records as per Rule 7, if such conversion is found to be deceitful for any reasons, and direct the Competent authority to initiate action against the wrong doer/offender".

NEERABH KUMAR PRASAD,

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Principal Secretary to Government (FAC).*

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